

LATEST IRISH NEWS.

From The Pilot.

Clare.
The Rev. James Edmund O'Neill, a beloved and well-known educator, died at the Christian Brothers' residence, Carlow, on April 9.

Clare.
Intelligence has been received from Sydney, Australia, of the death of Mr. Michael White, P. P., V. G., of Nenagh, Tipperary. He was a native of Tuam, and during his illness was attended by Dr. Flynn, also a Tuam man, who enjoys considerable distinction as a practitioner in Sydney.

Mrs. Anne Blake, relict of the late John Blake, Newtown House, Meath, died at her late residence, The Square, Kilsrush, on April 12.

Kerry.
The Rt. Rev. Dr. McEgan, the able and beloved Bishop of Kerry, left Kilsarney on April 11, for Rossie on his first visit to Rome since his consecration. He appeared in excellent health, and was seen off by the Rev. M. Fuller, the Rev. D. Brosnan and the Rev. P. J. Marshall. He will be absent from Kilsarney for a period of six weeks.

Mayo.
Died, on April 11, at Gardenfield, Hollymount, Murrighan Farragher, assistant county surveyor, and father of Rev. Murrighan Farragher, Aran Isles, aged 82 years, to the inexpressible grief of his wife and family, and deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends.

Meath.
The Very Rev. Philip Graydon Tibbs, D. D., Protestant Dean of Clonfert and Kilmaclough, died at his late residence, Glinetto Great, Summerhill, on April 8. He was formerly Rector of Ballinacorney. The late dean was deeply respected, not only by his own co-religionists, but people of every other persuasion. In Ballinacorney and neighborhood, where the late clergyman resided twenty-one years, his death will be much regretted. Mr. Maurice Spring, of Rathmore House, Athboy, died on April 8. He had attained a ripe old age, and was for many years a member of the Trim Board of Guardians and Rural District Council. He was also president of the Rathmore branch of the United Irish League, and an earnest and rising Nationalist. Mr. Spring was unmarried and was both a non-smoker and a life abstainer, having as a young man taken the Father Mathew pledge.

Kilkenny.
The Rev. Patrick J. Byrne, a native of Castlewarren, a graduate of St. Kieran's college, Kilkenny City, and a beloved priest and missionary, died at his late residence, St. Joseph's, Rathgar, road, Dublin, on April 8, aged 67. He had been an invalid for a number of years.

King's.
Mrs. Ellen Marrow, mother of the Rev. James Marrow, Ballyshannon, died at her late residence, Cornotty, Corcuff, Carrickmacross, on April 7.

Sligo.
On April 3, at the convent of Mercy, St. Patrick's, Sligo, Florence Nora, in religion Sister Mary Joseph, second daughter of Mr. William Higinbotham of Palmerstown, County Dublin, had the great happiness of being professed a Sister of Mercy by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin.

Tipperary.
Mr. Thomas J. Walsh of the Munster and Limerick bank, son of Mr. H. J. Walsh, ex-district inspector of Dublin, was married to Josephine Gubbins, daughter of the late Joseph Gubbins, Nenagh, by the Very Rev. Canon McMahon, at St. Mary's of the Rosary, Nenagh, on April 8.

On Sunday, April 7, in the Abbey church, Mount St. Joseph, the Rev. Dr. Fogarty, bishop of Killaloe, conferred the holy order of priesthood on Rev. Father Bruno Murphy of Descomon on Rev. Brothers Maurus O'Reilly, Albert Murphy and Anselm Fitzgerald, and of sub-deaconship on Rev. Brother Albe Sadlier, all members of the community.

Tyrone.
At the beautiful church of St. Patrick's Convent of Mercy, Sligo, on April 2, the impressive ceremony of the taking of the habit was witnessed. Among the postulants received was Miss Marion McCrossan, in religion Sister Cecilia, eldest daughter of Mr. Bernard McCrossan, Strabane. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, lord bishop of Elphin, the parents and relatives of the newly-received nuns were hospitably entertained at luncheon by the Rev. Superiors. The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy presided, and among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. McCrossan, Strabane.

Wexford.
Mrs. Mary Kelly, mother of the Rev. James Kelly, D. Ph., S. P. C., and sister-in-law of the Most Rev. Archbishop Kelly of Sydney, Australia, died at her late residence, Cross Lane, New Ross, on April 11, aged 56.

THE GLENS OF CLARE.
God made the winding glens of Clare;
God blessed the smiling glens of Clare;
And virgin fair
And monks of prayer
Hallowed the lovely glens of Clare.

God bless those glens so soft and green,
With many a brook and brake between;
And sloping down
The broken brown
Purple the lovely glens, I ween.

God bless the guardian hillsides bare
And all the ivied strongholds there;
Where sword in hand,
For Faith and Land
Dhianean did what man may dare.

God bless those dells so quaint and rare,
And every homestead nestled there;
The peasants' cot
Is the dearest spot;
God bless its lot in "bannered" Clare.

God bless those gentle lanesways thro',
Where linnet's song and ringdoves soo
And noon-day's beam
And evening's gleam
Linger, like me, to say adieu.

God made the lovely glens of Clare;
God blessed the lovely glens of Clare;
And virgin fair
And monks at prayer
Hallow still yet the glens of Clare.
—R. O. K. in Irish Monthly.

A lawyer once pleaded with great ability the cause of his client for nearly an hour. When he had finished, his learned friend on the other side, with a supercilious sneer, remarked that he did not understand a word the other had said. "I believe it, for I was expounding the law," said the first speaker.

"AN EXILE'S FAREWELL."

Farewell! I must cross o'er the foam-
ing Atlantic,
On the shores of the stranger an exile
to roam;
Far away from the mountains, the
glens and the valleys,
Of the sweet County Leitrim, my own
native home.

Where the lordly bright Shannon, the
prince of our rivers,
Rolls rippling along by the woodland
and lea.

After forming the lakes of Bodeg and
Boffin,
It smiles and rolls onward to join with
the sea.

Farewell to the shores of the mighty
Lake Allen,
Your waters reflecting that heavenly
blue,
While the mountains arise like bright
spears in the distance,
A scene for the tourist most char-
ming to view.

The great Slieve-an-Iron, so tall and
majestic,
With famed Loughacullagh, Glen-
carne and Doon;
And weird Mullachusk, lofty Benbo and
Lacks.

So often resounding with sweet fairy
tune.

Farewell, Creevelea, vale of song and
of story,
By the bright River Bonnet, so calm,
and so pure;
In his lyric, "The valley lay smiling be-
fore me."

Your fame is revealed by the talented
Moore.
But, alas! time has altered your state-
ly appearance.

The Halls of O'Rourke, they are van-
ished and gone,
Ah! where is the broadsword of brave
Brian-na-Murtagh.

That so oft told defiance to oppression
and wrong.

Farewell to those heroes with keen
battle-axes,
That were led by the "Tulerna" to
many a fray;

They sleep in their graves, lonely, sad,
and forsaken,
By the banks of the Bonnet, in sweet
Creevelea.

The harp is now silent, the minstrel
has vanished;
The halls that re-echoed its music are
still.

The chieftain is gone, by cursed tyranny
banished,
From his throne on the beautiful
banks of Lough Gill.

Farewell, dearest Leitrim, the scene of
my childhood,
The birthplace of Ollaves and chieft-
ains of yore.

Farewell to your landscapes, your glens
and your wildwoods,
While an exile I roam on a far for-
eign shore.

I shall long for the day when I'll home-
ward be turning,
No longer to wander afar o'er the
seas.

Till my friends leave me low in the
grave of my fathers
By the old abbey ruins in the chas-
ter of trees.

—Phillip McGowan, H. M. Augheo,
Ballinamore.

IRISH OPTIMISM.

**The Kelt Sees Things Through Rose
Colored Glasses.**

The Irishman sees everything through
rose colored glasses, says a writer in
the Guidon. He is supported, too, by a
simple, sturdy faith, a spirit of resignation
and unworldliness worthy of the
saints of old.

The dread blight had fallen on the
fields in most of the district where we
were visiting in Ireland, and the pe-
tals hung limp and brown. No
word of complaint was spoken, and
when the likelihood of famine was men-
tioned the answer came:
"Dungh, ma'am? Yes, there is in-
deed, but God is good. He'll find a
way."

So, too, about the hay. The summer
had been terribly wet, and for days the
new-mown hay had lain on the ground.
It was an anxious time.

"What will you do?" I said to Mike.
"If this weather keeps up, your hay
will surely be ruined."

"Oh, please God, it won't keep up,"
he answered. "He'll send us a bright
day soon, just to see how well we'll use it."

"What a glorious night, Mikey!" I
said to the boy, as he and I and the
donkey drove home under the August
moon.

"A fine night, indeed, ma'am. Thanks
be to God for giving it to us."

They showed us, on the road to town,
a gentleman's place, where, in a
stretch of what not long since had evi-
dently been thickly wooded land, stood
stump after stump of giant trees. Four
or five years ago, when the war was
exceptionally long and cold, the peasants
suffered from scarcity of peat.

They begged this landed proprietor to
sell them wood, offering not only to pay
the price, but to fell the trees and carry
them off. He refused.

Again and again they begged, for the
suffering grew intense, but he would
not let his land be marred. One night
there came a wind so frightful that it
seemed for a time as if the "big wind"
were blowing again.

In the morning the highway along this proprietor's do-
main was impassable. Huge trees,
blown to the ground, lay across the
road for a distance of two miles, and
the forest beauty was a thing of the
past. The town authorities ordered the
obstruction cleared away, and the peas-
ants got for nothing more than they
had been refused for pay.

"'Twas the hand of God was in that,
ma'am," I was told, "for, with all the
wind, not a poor man's cot was harmed,
nor another tree on the countryside,
only those. God always looks after His
poor."

LISDOONVARNA.

Softly low like ben of dreams,
Came lullabies from Irish streamers.
As over bog and moorland far,
In lazy lurch of jaunting car,
I smelled the salt sea's smacking whiffs
And heard the soothing song of cliffs.

By restless lines of broad deep moun-
tains,
Dawn's step is bright on tinted hills,
Through sun-bright hills, the bird-
sweet rills.

Chase merrily from Uin's fountain
The fairy touch is everywhere
At Lisdoonvarna in happy Clare.

Lisdoonvarna in happy Clare
Dearest spot whose skies are fair;
On moor and more serene and clear
A rich soft day is streaming here;
Mansham shouts from sun-scorched
rocks.

To wind-robed maids who herd his
flocks.

Deep emerald steeps of fields and trees
Which shun the smut of industries,
A restfulness of wind and peak
Say: God is here, beloved speak.
Tired heart, come rest and bury care
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—Lawrence McDonald Sarsfield.

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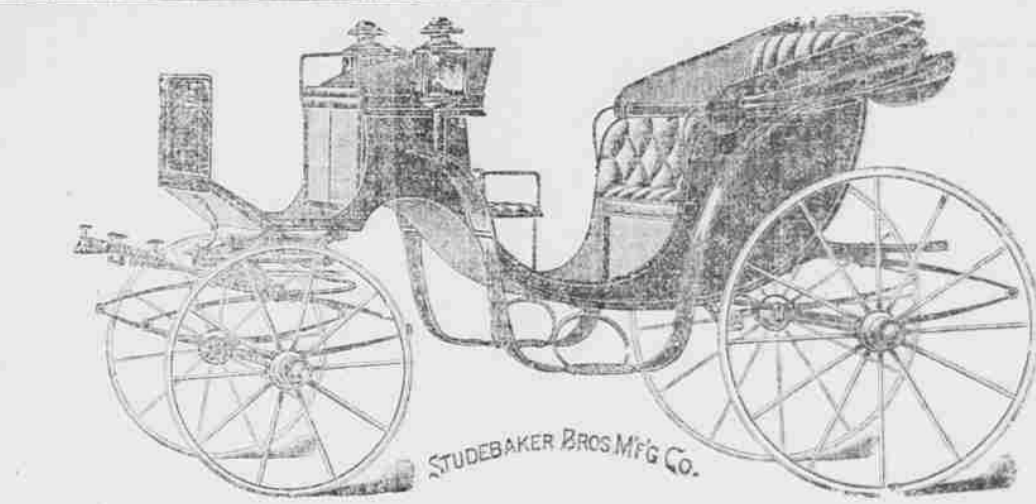
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